

# Social Studies Update

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## Questions?

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## Social Studies Update

There are several social studies updates this month. These include:

### Draft of New Standards Released

The Iowa Department of Education released draft social studies standards this week. These draft standards will now be up for public review. This review will include opportunities for the public to comment through survey and public forums. See the full press release [here](#) and go [here](#) to see a copy of the draft standards.

### Statewide Social Studies Professional Development

There are several opportunities for teachers and curricular leads to engage in social studies professional development this year. Each AEA will be offering the statewide social studies

professional development around the 6-12 literacy standards for history/social studies. In addition, elementary-specific professional development will take place in three regions across the state. Check out the [this flyer](#) for more information or to register.

### Training for TLC Leads on Statewide Social Studies Professional Development

Are you a TLC instructional coach or mentor teacher who wants to offer the statewide professional development in your PLC/district/setting? If so, we are offering a train-the-trainer opportunity on December 13-14 in Des Moines. Check out [this flyer](#) for more information and go [here](#) to register. This workshop is capped at 50.

### Best Practices Institute—Save the Date

The 2017 Best Practices Institute will take place June 19-20 at the State Historical Museum. As always, this is a free conference, sponsored by the Iowa Department of Education, that is open to any K-12 social studies teacher, TLC lead, curriculum directors, etc. License renewal credit will be available.

### DBQ Project Workshop

DBQs, or document-based questions, are a great way to meet standards and get students to write from sources. The DBQ Project, is coming to Des Moines to offer a one-day workshop about their evidence-based writing process. For more information or to sign up go [here](#).

# Elections 101 and Statewide Youth Straw Poll

## Elections 101

The Iowa Secretary of State's Office has developed free school curriculum about elections in Iowa. The Elections 101 curriculum is a set of lessons for a 10-day unit on elections. Each lesson plan has three different options to accommodate the amount of instruction time you have— 30, 60, or 90 minutes. Check it out at [www.elections101.org](http://www.elections101.org). If you have feedback please go to "submit feedback" on the Elections 101 website.



## Statewide Youth Straw Poll on November 1

Mark your calendars for November 1. The Iowa Secretary of State's Office is conducting the statewide Iowa youth straw poll on November 1st. Sign up now so that your students can participate in the statewide poll with their peers.

During the Caucus over 300 Iowa schools and 60,000 Iowa students voted in the straw poll. Will you help organize this fall's straw poll at your school?

**Step 1:** Go to <https://sos.iowa.gov/youth/poll/index.html> for the statewide Iowa Youth Straw Poll.

**Step 2:** Promote the straw poll to your students and other teachers in your school and district.

**Step 3:** Conduct your Straw Poll **BEFORE the end of the school day on November 1<sup>st</sup>** (or in the *days/weeks leading up to the deadline*). We will be sending out a sample .Doc file of the ballot you can use, however, if you don't want to hand count paper ballots feel free to use any online survey application that you like to compile your school's votes.

**Step 4:** Report the results. After you **register in step 1**, you will receive an email confirmation with information on how to report your results. We will report the statewide vote totals.

If you have any questions or comments that you'd like answered before then, please reach out to Jeff Tomkowitz at [515-725-0427](tel:515-725-0427), or by emailing [jeff.tomkowitz@sos.iowa.gov](mailto:jeff.tomkowitz@sos.iowa.gov).

## NEW for the 2016 Iowa Youth Straw Poll: #IAparticipate

### Outside the classroom participation:

Encourage your students to use the hashtag #IAparticipate on any posts or photos they upload from campaign events, experiencing the voting process, and during your school's Youth Straw Poll and we may feature them on our social media and press releases.

### Participate in our Official Livestream of the Iowa Youth Straw Poll Results:

We are looking for six students to join us at the Iowa State Capitol on November 1 from 3:30-4:30 PM. Students selected will help the office present the Youth Straw Poll results on FACEBOOK LIVE. Have your students tweet at the @IowaSOS twitter account using the #IAparticipate hashtag and tell us why they want to help us deliver the Straw Poll results on November 1, and they may get chosen to join us at the Capitol. [Learn more here](#).

### On Youth Straw Poll Day:

During the upcoming Youth Straw Poll we want to showcase your support and involve your school's students. Schools who have **signed up by OCTOBER 21** will receive #IAparticipate I VOTED stickers! Our goal is to get students to take photos wearing our #IAparticipate stickers and share them on Instagram, Facebook or Twitter with the hashtag #IAparticipate. Together, we can make #IAparticipate trend and showcase your school's achievement!

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## Social Studies News

### State Historical Museum Announces Traveling Exhibit

If you can't visit the State Historical Museum in Des Moines, why not let it come to you? That's the idea behind "Iowa History 101," a new multi-media and artifact-based traveling exhibit housed in an RV that will visit all 99 Iowa counties beginning next spring. To see the full story, go [here](#). If you are interested in bringing the RV to you, go [here](#).

### Article: *STEM Education is Vital— but Not at the Expense of the Humanities*

Check out [this article](#) from Scientific American about the importance of STEM education and the equal importance of the humanities.

### U.S. Secretary of Education Shares Special Message on Social Studies

John King, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, and a former social studies teacher, recently recorded a message discussing the importance of social studies in a well-rounded education. Check out the video [here](#). Secretary King also recorded a podcast about the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation on the Stuff You Missed in History podcast. Check it out [here](#).

### What College-Aged Students Know about the World

The Council on Foreign Relations and National Geographic released [this report](#) about what college-aged students know about the world.

### RISE Conference to Feature Mary Beth Tinker

Do you have students who are passionate about student voice? If so, consider having them attend the RISE conference. Tickets are FREE for students and chaperones. The conference is taking place November 5th at Waukee High School in Waukee, IA. Check out more information [here](#).

### Americans' Knowledge of the Branches of Government is Declining

The Annenberg Public Policy Center recently released a new report detailing the results of their latest survey on American knowledge of civics and government. In the survey, only a quarter of American could name all three branches of government. Most could not name either major-party vice presidential candidate. Check out the full report [here](#).

### History Alive at the State Historical Museum

The State Historical Museum is offering their History Alive sessions November 3 & 4 for upper elementary and middle school students. The November History Alive workshop is around women's suffrage in Iowa. Check out more information about History Alive and registration information [here](#). Space is limited, so sign up soon!

### Article— Why Literacy Educators Need to be Advocates for Science and Social Studies

Nell Duke, a well-known, literacy expert, recently published an article about the importance of science and social studies in order to support literacy. Check it out [here](#).

### Iowa Department of Education Releases Recommendations to Improve Iowa History

On September 6, 2016, the Iowa Department of Education released recommendations from the Iowa History Advisory Council around ways to improve the teaching and learning of Iowa history K-12. You can check out the recommendations [here](#).

### Iowa History Center Bus Grants

The Iowa History Center at Simpson College offers bus grants for Iowa history related field trips. Check them out [here](#).

*"The practice of democracy is not passed down through the gene pool. It must be taught and learned anew by each generation of citizens."*

-Sandra Day O'Connor

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## Social Studies Resources

### We the Economy/Voters Videos

We the Economy has produced 20 short videos on various economic topics including supply and demand, GDP, the Federal Reserve system and more. Check them out [here](#). A parallel website has been created called We the Voters. Check those videos out [here](#).

### FREE Teaching Kit– What We Do at the Fed

"What We do At the Federal Reserve," is a free teaching kit for grades 9-12. The Federal Reserve is often in the news, yet few Americans understand The Fed's role in our economy. This classroom kit gives teachers some hands-on activities to explain the role of the Fed. Developed by The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, this kit provides a curriculum guide that emphasizes key points teachers can highlight while studying topics like how prices, inflation, and how monetary policy affects our economy. The kit includes a movie and classroom presentation on a DVD, the curriculum guide, plus a bag of "Fed Shreds." Order the kit [here](#).

### Teaching about Washington

Mount Vernon offers several resources around teaching about Washington. Check out [this](#) collection of primary sources, take a [virtual tour](#) of Mount Vernon, watch [this video](#) about Yorktown and explore these [lesson plans](#) that provide case studies about the actual problems Washington faced.

### WWII Curriculum from the National WWII Museum

The World War II Museum has released a series of new resources for teaching about World War II entitled From the Collection to the Classroom: Teaching History with the National WWII Museum. You can view the entire curriculum at [www.ww2classroom.org](http://www.ww2classroom.org), but the Museum has also released a box set of one of the curriculum sets they offer on WWII in the Pacific. If you are interested in receiving this curriculum as a physical copy you can send an email to [Joshua.goodman@nationalww2museum.org](mailto:Joshua.goodman@nationalww2museum.org).

### Over 100 Primary Source Sets Released from the Digital Public Library of America

Check out [this](#) amazing collection of primary source sets on various U.S. and world history topics from the Digital Public Library of America.

### History Labs

History labs are a guided approach to historical inquiry in the K-12 classroom. Check out lots of resources about how to conduct a history lab [here](#).

### R.A.C.E. to Write Strategy


Check out [this strategy](#) from the Doing Social Studies blog on getting students to write using textual evidence in a social studies classroom.

### Founders Online

This new website from the National Archives includes correspondence and other writings from six major shapers of the United States including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and more. Check it out [here](#).

### New York Times Learning Network Site

Check out the new webpage of The Learning Network from the New York Times [here](#). The site contains news quizzes, contest links, lesson plans, and more.



*"Economics is everywhere, and understanding economics can help you make better decisions and lead a happier life."*

-Tyler Cowen

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## Social Studies Resources *(continued)*

### Choices Program Releases Video Library

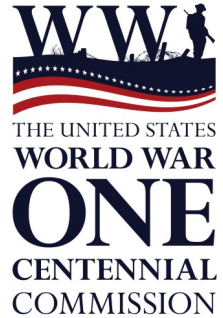
The Choices Program recently released a new video library that is free to access. Video topics range from current issues such as genocide to U.S. history and World history topics. Check out the library [here](#).

### Fostering Classroom Conversations

Check out [this guide](#) from Facing History and Ourselves on having constructive and civil conversations in the classroom.

### World War I Centennial Resources

Check out [this resource](#) from the National World War I Museum and the United States World War I Centennial Commission. You can sign up for a newsletter to receive additional WWI resources and see the resources that have already been put up to honor the centennial.



### Seven Free Online Tools for Creating Timelines

Check out [this chart](#) put together by Richard Byrne from Free Technology for Teachers that outlines seven free online tools for creating timelines. This chart compares the seven tools and outlines the pros and cons of each tool.

### Common Lit– FREE Fiction and Non-Fiction Ready Passages

Common Lit is a great resource for finding fiction and non-fiction for 5th-12th grade. You can choose from hundreds of news articles, historical documents, stories, etc. You can assign text dependent questions to students based off the reading and then track student progress on those questions. Check it out at <https://www.commonlit.org/>.

### Quill– FREE Tools to Make Your Students Better Writers

Quill is an interactive tool to help make students better writers. Check it out [here](#) and create a free account.

### Rendell Center for Civics & Civic Engagement

The teachers' tools page of the Rendell Center website includes information on literature based mock trials, monthly civic education themes and much more. Check it out [here](#).

### Latest Issue of Social Studies Research and Practice Released

Social Studies Research and Practice is a free social studies journal. The Summer 2016 issue has been released. This issue includes articles on the C3 Framework, portrayals of immigrants in trade books, and much more. Check it out [here](#).

### Countable

Countable makes it quick and easy to understand the laws Congress is considering. They also make the process of contacting your lawmaker about the issue more streamlined. Check it out at <https://www.countable.us/>.

### Letters to the Next President

This initiative allows students from all over the U.S. to write letters to the next president about issues they feel passionate about. Check it out [here](#). In order to provide instructional support for this kind of writing the Literacy Design Collaborative has created two units around this initiative. Check out their website at <https://ldc.org/>.

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## Social Studies Resources (*continued*)

### **National Digital Newspaper Program Now Includes Newspapers from America's Founding**

Have you heard of Chronicling America? This is an effort through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Library of Congress to grant money to state's for the digitization of their newspapers. Iowa has already digitized over 100,000 pages of newspapers. Now, you can also access some of the earliest newspapers from America's founding. Check them all out at <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>.

### **National Constitution Center Interactive Constitution**

The interactive Constitution from the National Constitution Center includes three main features. First, you can see the origins of each of the first ten amendments to the Constitution in a visual format. Next, you can see what we have in the United States compared to other countries around the world. Finally, for each amendment you can see a short write up of what prominent scholars say about the amendment and how they agree and disagree about its meaning. Check it out [here](#).

### **Best Sites for Primary Documents in World History**

Here's a [blog post](#) that identifies several great sites for finding primary sources in world history. Some of the identified resources are the Avalon Project, Internet History Sourcebooks Project, and World Digital Library.

### **National Museum of African American History and Culture**

Tickets for the new National Museum of African American History and Culture are hard to come by, but over 37,000 objects are searchable and digitized on their website. Check out their collection [here](#).



### **Scaffolding Strategies for Struggling Readers**

Check out [this](#) resource from Achieve the Core on scaffolding strategies for struggling readers. The resource is a quick guide to helping struggling readers before, during, and after reading.

### **Echoes from the Wall FREE Curriculum on Teaching Vietnam**

Check out this [free curriculum](#) on teaching Vietnam. The curriculum includes a timeline as well as various lesson plans on the social, military, media, and political components of the war. In addition, you can also explore the collection of items that have been left at the Vietnam Memorial and sign up for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial educator newsletter.

### **Remember Pearl Harbor Electronic Field Trip**

The National WWII Museum is offering a free electronic field trip to interested teachers and students on December 7th at 9 AM and 1 PM. On the 75th anniversary of "the date which will live in infamy," The National WWII Museum and WYES-TV will team up to webcast two LIVE, streaming-video specials for students in grades 5–8. The electronic field trip will recall the Japanese surprise attack that sparked America's entry into World War II and how it changed the lives of students who lived through it. Register [here](#).

### **21 Charts that Explain How the U.S. Is Changing**

Check out [this cool collection](#) of charts from Vox that show how the world is changing. Topics range from distribution of population to educational gains.

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## Professional Development Opportunities

### History Labs for National History Day

Join the State Historical Museum at a *History Lab* in October to discover primary and secondary resources, special collections and network with librarians and historians. History Labs are designed as a research open house and all students, teachers and parents who want to learn more about local resources are welcome to attend! Also, the Iowa Labor History Society has put together a one-page overview of Iowa labor resources to help NHD students. Check it out [here](#). Email [vania.boland@iowa.gov](mailto:vania.boland@iowa.gov) to register for any of the History Labs below.

#### Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

Buena Vista University History Lab: 10am – 1pm  
Buena Vista University Library  
610 W. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

#### Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

State Historical Library and Research Center History Lab: 10am – 1pm  
600 E. Locust St.  
Des Moines, IA 50319

#### Thursday, November 3

Preus Library, Luther College: 9:00am to 11:00am  
700 College Dr..  
Decorah, Iowa 52101

#### Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>

State Historical Research Center History Lab: 10am – 1pm  
402 Iowa Ave  
Iowa City, IA 52240

#### Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>


Waldorf University, Luise V. Hanson Library: 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
106 S 6th.  
Forest City, IA 50436

#### Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> (All Day)

Cowles Library, Drake University  
2507 University Ave.  
Des Moines, IA 50311

### National Humanities Center “America in Class” Webinar Series

The National Humanities Center presents ongoing professional development with its “America In Class” primary and secondary resources, webinars, and lessons for history teachers. The fall 2016 schedule of webinars features topics such as “Wampum and the Early Shaping of America,” “Jefferson as Leader,” “Lincoln as Leader,” and “Gender in Antebellum African American Autobiographies.” Check out the list of free webinars [here](#). Use the code **NHCED** to register for the webinars.



*“If you think you  
have it tough,  
read history  
books.”*

*-Bill Maher*



## Professional Development Opportunities (*continued*)

### APA Summit on High School Psychology Education

The American Psychological Association (APA) is offering a summit on high school psychology that will be held in Ogden, Utah from July 9-14th. If accepted to participate, most of your expenses would be covered. Applications are due December 5, 2016. Go [here](#) for more information or to apply.

### James Madison Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship offers \$24,000 to individuals desiring to become outstanding teachers of the American Constitution at the secondary level. One person is selected from each state, each year. The application window is now open until March 1, 2017. Go to the James Madison website at <http://www.jamesmadison.gov/>. Check out a video overview of the program [here](#).

### Global Education Institute for Teachers at the University of Iowa

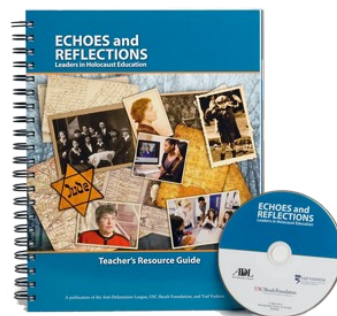
The 2016 Global Education Institute for Teachers will be held December 10-11, 2016. Registration is due October 31, 2016. Middle and high school teachers from Iowa's four congressional districts are invited to apply. Go [here](#) for more information or to apply.

### Opportunity for TLC Leads to be Trained on Statewide Social Studies Professional Development

Are you a TLC instructional coach or mentor teacher? If so, you might be interested in being trained on the statewide social studies professional development. This opportunity provides those who attend with access to the materials used for the statewide PD and the expectation is that you would deliver this professional development back in your district/setting. This train-the-trainer opportunity takes place on December 13-14, 2016. Go [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to register. Registration is FREE.

### Echoes and Reflections Holocaust Webinar for Iowa

Echoes and Reflections, a nationally renowned curriculum for Holocaust education, will be putting on a webinar just for Iowa teachers. The webinar is FREE and by attending participants will receive a copy of the Echoes and Reflections curriculum binder. The webinars are taking part in two parts— November 3 and 10. Go [here](#) to register.



### History Camp Iowa

Want to learn more about Iowa history? Check out History Camp Iowa. Last year's topics included WWII propaganda, the underground railroad in Iowa, Iowa's Danish immigrants and much more. This event takes place November 5, 2016 at the State Historical Museum. If you volunteer, you can even attend for free. For more information go [here](#).

### Global Competence Certificate Program

The [Global Competence Certificate](#) program is open for fall 2016 and spring 2017 enrollment. Now in its third year, the GCC is an innovative, online, graduate-level program designed to increase the number of K-16 teachers who are able to teach for global competence and effectively prepare students to be globally informed, engaged citizens. Over 50 educators have developed their global competencies, teaching practices, and peer networks through the program's online coursework, global fieldwork, and culminating capstone project.

### FREE Online Library of Congress Conference

The Library of Congress is hosting a free online two-day conference October 25-26. The conference will take place from 3-7 PM both days. Each session is 50 minutes in length. You can find out about the different sessions or register [here](#).

### National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference

The National Council for the Social Studies annual conference takes place in Washington D.C. this year December 2-4. Speakers include Terrence Roberts (one of the Little Rock 9) John Lewis (one of the speakers at the march on Washington and a key civil rights activist) and Mary Beth Tinker, to name a few. The conference will also include hundreds of sessions and exhibi-



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## Social Studies Awards, Grants, and Competitions

### Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award

The Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award finalists receive \$1,000. Three are chosen from the finalists to receive \$5,000 awards to be used at a two or four year trade school, college, or university of their choice. For more information go to [http://www.hooverassociation.org/grantsawards/uncommon\\_student.php](http://www.hooverassociation.org/grantsawards/uncommon_student.php).

### Hoover Presidential Foundation School Bus Grants

Did you know that the Hoover Presidential Foundation offers bus grants to help schools visit the Herbert Hoover Library & Archives? You can apply for a bus grant by going to [www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org](http://www.hooverpresidentialfoundation.org). For trips in the spring the deadline to apply is January 5th.



### John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Essay Contest

In *Profiles in Courage*, John F. Kennedy recounted the stories of eight U.S. senators who demonstrated political courage by risking their careers to do what was right for the nation. The Profiles in Essay Contest challenges U.S. high school students to write a new profile in courage. The first place prize is \$20,000. Go to [www.jfklibrary.org/essaycontest](http://www.jfklibrary.org/essaycontest) for more information.

### Directv Technology Grants

How would you implement technology to enhance your teaching methods? If you can answer this question in just 400-500 words you could win \$1,000 for classroom technology. Check it out at <http://www.directpackages.com/teachers-grant/>.

### World of 7 Billion Video Contest

The World of 7 Billion is sponsoring a video contest. The contest asks students to create a short video about human population growth and how we can meet the challenges of this growth. First place takes home \$1,000 for the high school contest and \$500 for the middle school contest. Check out the flyer [here](#).

### World Food Prize Iowa Youth Institute

The Iowa Youth Institute will take place on April 24, 2017 in Ames. Registration for the institute opens February 1, 2017 and papers for the institute are due March 27, 2017. Go [here](#) for more information or [here](#) to see the flyer.

### We the Students Essay Contest

This contest features \$20,000 in prizes and a \$5,000 grand prize. The essay topic gives students a voice on the timely topic, *Does peaceful resistance to laws positively or negatively impact a free society?* More information about the We the Students Essay Contest can be found at <http://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/engage/students-programs-events/scholarship/>. Deadline is February 5, 2017.

## Veteran's Day Observance Resources

There are several resources for teaching about Veteran's Day. Some of these resources are:

- [Teaching History– Veterans Day page](#)
- [PBS– The Greatest Sacrifice](#)
- [Library of Congress– Veterans History Project](#)
- [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [History Channel– History of Veterans Day](#)